

429 - 427 BC

Spartans besieged and forced
Plataean - Athenian force to
surrender during
Peloponnesian War.

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PLATÆA

A city of northern Greece.

During the Peloponnesian War, Plataea was besieged by the Thibon-Locedemonean forces and after persistent and active efforts, the town was taken. The small number of citizens which had not escaped were put to death and the city was destroyed.

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Peniciles died of the Plague

429BC

Birth of Plato.

429 BC

Death of PERICLES .

Cleon in power -

SOPHOCLES' "OEDIPUS the KING."

of all things, and has all knowledge about all things and infinite power." His theory of NOOS was vague, but makes great advance in the direction of theism.

His doctrine of NOOS passed to ARISTOTLE while his doctrine of atoms prepared the way for DEMOCRITUS and the Atomic school

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ANAXAGORAS

one of most eminent IONIC philosophers was born at CLAZOMENAE, in IONIA. 480-^{BC} He went to Athens where he became intimate with Pericles; was fined 5 Talents and banished for impiety about 430 BC. He asserted that "the sun was a red-hot mass larger than the PELOPONNESUS" and retired to LAMPSACUS where he died.

Anaxagoras had a deeper knowledge of physical laws than any of

his predecessors or contemporaries. He also arrived at some fairly accurate conclusions regarding the cause of the moon's light, eclipses, earthquakes, meteors, of the rainbow, of wind, and of sound. His great contribution was his doctrine as to the origin of all things. He held that all matter existed originally not in the form of so called elements, but in the condition of atoms, or molecules, (in modern terminology), that these atoms infinitely numerous & infinitesimally small had existed from all eternity; and that order was first produced out of infinite chaos of minutiæ through the influence and operation of an eternal intelligence (Greek NOUS). He maintained that all bodies were simply aggregations of these atoms, and that a bar of gold, or iron, etc. was composed of incalculably minute particles of the same material. He described the NOUS as infinite, self potent, and unmixed with anything else. NOUS (he said) was the most pale and subtle

429 BC

Death of Pericles.

Cleon leader of war party -
Siege of Plataea.